

Grade 10 Reading Assessment Readers' Response

Sunk! Canada's Worst Maritime Disaster

Question # 1 EXEMPLARS

1. Use the diagram, photographs, illustrations, captions, table and headings (text features) to write some questions that you think might be answered in this selection.

Level 1

1

Limited use of text features; questions are vague or irrelevant.

I Think they want us to know what the pamphlet is about.
I enjoy all the pictures in the pamphlet the boats look like a ship on my video game called ships ahoy. I could also make a hat out of the pamphlet or a paper airplane.

Level 2

2

Some use of text features; questions are simple and may not address key topics.

1. How many passengers were on board the Empress of Ireland? The Empress of Ireland had 1477 passengers.
2. How big was the Empress of Ireland was? It had a length of 167.3m a width of 19.8m
3. Where did the Empress of Ireland sink? It was up river of the saint lawrence River.

Level 3

3

Considerable use of text features; questions are logical with some depth, and address most key topics

1. What was the captain's name?
2. How did the captain and workers react and try and save passengers?
3. What year did this tragic disaster happen? What day?
4. How did the collision happen?
5. Were there any deaths on the other ship that crashed?
6. Is this Canada's worst disaster, or just the maritimes?
7. Have they found any treasures underwater like the Titanic?

Level 4

4

Thorough use of text features; questions are logical, show depth and insight, and address most topics.

- Is the collision a result of miscommunication, and radio transmissions, and is it similar to the Titanic to where someone was sleeping and transmissions went unanswered?
- The interior of the ship is obviously not as ~~luxurious~~ as the Titanic, why do you think so many people were on board? and where they immigrants who couldn't afford better quality ships?
- In the illustrations it looks like there was much panic within the passengers on the ship, do you think people knew they were going to die as the accident occurred? ~~How~~ How will people's families be affected?